

MEDICAL MARIJUANA/CANNABIS TASK FORCE

MEETING SUMMARY FOR FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2003 @ 12 NOON

EXECUTIVE COMPLEX - 5TH FLOOR 1010 SECOND AVENUE

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Attendees:

The following Task Force members were in attendance: Chair: Juliana Humphrey, Larry Chaidez, Dale Kelly-Bankhead, Jerry Meier, Michael Bartelmo, Conley Major, St Clair Adams, and Mike Barbee.

Staff: Lt. Cesar Solis, Alison Glennon, Lisa Foster and Staa Heshimu.

Summary from December 20, 2002, approved with several modifications.

Status of Council Docket Date

The docket date of February 4, 2003, was discussed, the item will be heard in the morning at 10:00 a.m. and will trial in to the afternoon at 2:00 p.m, since many patients may show up to testify at public comment which will begin at 2:00 p.m., an alternative to contact individuals, by cell, or pager, will be noted.

Fund-Raising

Juliana e-mailed a draft donor fund agreement to all Task Force members from the Human Dignity Foundation to set up a fund for individuals who wish to donate which will assist in funding the seed money. The City Attorney's Office took out the indemnity language in the contract to assist with guiding it through.

RFP Update

Paul Simms of the Comprehensive Health Care Center has agreed to meet with several members of the Task Force to discuss the I.D. Card Program on Jan 31st. Since the unsolicited proposal which was submitted at the December meeting, cannot be considered, and must go through the RFP process it was mentioned why the CHCC meeting can still take place. It was explained that non-profit versus profit proposals fall under a different set of rules.

Subcommittee Reports

The Education/Training Subcommittee has met twice to go over the Code Of Conduct which will be a one or two page fact sheet on the law, best practices, etc. A written report will be provided to the Task Force at its next meeting on the make-up on the fact sheet. Another subcommittee meeting will be held next month, on February 7, 2003, at noon, in Conf Room 12B.

The Legislative and Law Enforcement Subcommittee drafted a resolution for the Council to submit to the Police Department to stop their efforts in raiding individuals who are claiming the affirmative defense. The resolution would ask that the police not involve themselves with other agencies such as DEA, Sheriff's raids on individuals. The City Attorney's Office, suggested that some of the draft language be more narrowly defined. Draft will probably have to go to the PS&NS Committee and be approved there before going on to the full Council for a vote.

Public Comment

One speaker commented on the upcoming Council Meeting on Feb 4, 2003 and the approach the Task Force was going to take. Another speaker made a comment and handed out a letter he wrote to the Task Force asking that they suggest in writing to the Federal government to enact legislation to permit medical marijuana be regulated and allowed to be used in San Diego.